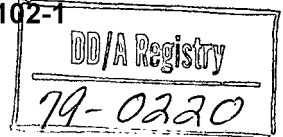


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science & Technology
Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
Deputy Director for Resource Management
Deputy Director for Collection Tasking
Administrative Officer, DCI

FROM: Don I. Wortman
Deputy Director for Administration

SUBJECT: Exemptions from Public Aspects of New
Financial Disclosure Law

REFERENCE: dated 7 December 1978

1. As outlined in reference, the Ethics in Government Act of 1978 requires that all persons serving in specified positions (GS-16 and above) as of 1 January 1979 file detailed financial statements which must be made available to the public unless

"the President finds that, due to the nature of the office or position occupied by such individual, public disclosure of such report would, by revealing the identity of the individual or other sensitive information, compromise the national security of the United States."
(Section 205(a))

2. The Act also authorizes the filing of

"such additional reports as are necessary to protect their identity from public disclosure if the President first finds that such filing is necessary in the national interest."
(Section 205(a))

This latter provision was intended to permit the filing of more than one financial disclosure statement, if necessary, for the purpose of maintaining cover.

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3. We are now faced with the task of determining which positions in the Agency should be submitted to the President for his determination as to whether they should be exempted from the public availability provisions of the Act as well as those positions the incumbents of which should be authorized to file

"such additional reports as are necessary to protect their identity."

4. In order to prepare a request to the President from the DCI that the appropriate findings be made, we need from each Directorate and Independent Office:

a. a listing of all positions, if any, that should be exempted from the public availability provisions of the Act and justification therefore; and

5. In preparing the above information, you should consider whether the request for exemptions should be for specific positions or by classes of positions. Whichever way you feel is appropriate, you should bear in mind that appropriate justification will have to be submitted to the President along with the request.

6. Since reporting deadlines in some cases will soon be upon us, it is necessary that we move quickly in this matter. Please forward your contributions to Assistant for Information, DDA, by close of business 30 January, who will prepare in coordination with the Office of General Counsel the necessary documents for the DCI's signature.

Don I. Wortman

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